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Deltorphin-D 24 Hour Survival Study

Rationale: To Investigate the effect opioid agonist, Deltorphin-D (Tyr-D-Leu-Phe-Ala-Asp-Val-Ser-Thr-Ile-Gly-Asp-Phe-Phe-His-Ser-Ile-NH2) on endotoxin mediated hepatotoxicity and lethality in a mouse model.

Animals: Female BALB/c mice were used at approximately 7 weeks of age.

Study Parameters: 1) Mortality and 2) Serum ALT (Indicator of liver injury)

Results: Each Group N=6; Average weight: 18.5 g

Group I (Control)

Treatment: PBS Dose: 200µl/animal

Route of Administration: Intraperitoneal (I.P.)

Study end point: 24h.

Mortality: 0% (all 6 animals alive)

Serum ALT (IU/L): avg. 38

Group II (Control)

Treatment: PBS + Deltorphin D

Dose: PBS: 200µl/animal (t=0) Deltorphin-D: 4mg/kg; administered at t=0h

Route of Administration: Intraperitoneal (I.P.)

Study end point: 24h.

Mortality: 0% (all 6 animals alive)

Serum ALT (IU/L): avg. 49

Group III

Treatment: endotoxin (LPS) + Galactosamine (Galn)

Dose: LPS $(100\mu g/kg) + Galn (700 mg/kg)$. Route of Administration: Intraperitoneal (I.P.)

Study end point: 24h

Mortality: 100% (all 6 animals dead)

Serum ALT (IU/L): not measured (Note: Moribund animals (between 12 to 15 h post

insult) have serum ALTs typically ranging from 2500 to 3500 IU/L)

Group IV

Treatment: LPS + Galn + Deltorphin-D

Dose: LPS (100µg/kg) + Galn (700 mg/kg) (t=0); Deltrophin D 4 mg/kg; administered at

t=ih and t=+lh

Route of Administration: Intraperitoncal (I.P.)

Study end points: 24h.

Mortality: 33,33% (4 animals alive; 2 animals dead)

Serum ALT (IU/L): 4 living animals had ALT values of 640, 837, 956, and 1028 IU/L

respectively.